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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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 Pierre WILS *et al.* ) Group Art Unit: 1636  
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 Application No.: 09/153,838 ) Examiner: J. Ketter  
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 Filed: September 15, 1998 )  
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 For: PURIFICATION OF PLASMID DNA )  
 OF PHARMACEUTICAL QUALITY )

**Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**STATUS INQUIRY**


According to our records, the last correspondence Applicants' representative received from the Office regarding this application was the Office action mailed on March 13, 2003. In response to this Office action, Applicants filed a Request for Reconsideration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 on May 15, 2003. No communication from the Office has been received following submission of this Request.

In view of these circumstances, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests that the Office advise him of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the applicant is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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